Gospel **Lk. 2:1-7**

✠ **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD.

Sentence
When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, so that we might receive adoption as God's children.

Galatians 4.4-5

Prayer of the Day

Loving God,
who chose the blessed virgin Mary
to be the mother of your incarnate Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood,
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

First Reading **Isa. 61:10-62:3**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

For the Psalm — Magnificat, *A.P.B.A. Page 31*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
from this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me:
and holy is his name.
God has mercy on those who fear him:
from generation to generation.
The Lord has shown strength with his arm:
and scattered the proud in their conceit.
Casting down the mighty from their thrones:
and lifting up the lowly.
God has filled the hungry with good things:
and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:
to remember the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Second Reading **Gal. 4:4-7**

A reading from the letter to the Galatians

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.
Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are they who hear the word of God
and keep it.
Alleluia!